THREE NEW PLAYS IN TOWN.

"MERRY GOTHAM," "KATHARINE KAT-ANAGH," "A MODERN MATCH."

A Piece of Light and Dainty Privolity at the Lyceum-Skeiches of Paristan Gayety Tempered and Transferred Into New

The Lyceum company had never been employed so heavily in numbers or so lightly in evening. Nineteen of them had parts in 'Merry Gotham." and in nearly all cases the assignments bad been judicious. Herbert Kelcey and Georgia Cayvan, E. J. Rateliffe and Effic Shannon, Fritz Williams and Bessie Tyree, were coupled in inconsequential but diverting love affairs. These six players are well established in favor at the ycoum, and suitable tasks for them mean first-rate amusement for the audience. The loyal rural gentleman and a frollesome but not less excellent young city widow. The liatcliffe-Shannon couple were a fine fellow running for public office and a refined girl, whom her modish acquaintances slighted because her father had been a day inborer. The Williams-Tyree connection was that of a witty idler and a calmly sophisticate pupil from a temale seminary. These three pairs had a diverse set of relatives and friends. W. J. Lemoyne and H. Boyntun were comic beaus, respectively old and young. Mrs. Whiftle and Mrs. Walcett were wealthy matrons. The rest of the ninetcen personnges also moved in a frivolous circle, in one way or another, and the words and deeds of the whole assemblage were in caricature and satirization of fashionable priety. The performance was generally clover and altogether vivacious. The actors' manners, although exaggerative, were nevertheless secordant with polite usage. The costumes were appropriate, those of the ladies being uncommonly rich and tastefui. The rooms shows were suitable in decoration and furniture. They were a cafe, a drawing room, a riverside restaurant, and a hallway adjoining a ballroom. The stage pictures were often pictorial, and the final one—a copy of the French picture. The Farandoic, with red-coated gentlemen and finely gowned ladies following the leader down a stairway—was a capt vating sight. This was introduced as a figure in a german, and while it was going on the dancers blittlesomely adjusted their personal relations satisfactorily.

"Merry Gotham" is a free translation of the French Paris Fin de Sicele." It is almost utterly plotless, the characters being only losses by grouped and the scenes but slightly connected. The place of theoccurrences has been shifted from Paris to New York, and the English has been written by Elizabeth Marbury to agree with that change. Miss Marbury has transferred the material very well, and with no sacrifice of available wit or humor, but she has not offaced the foreign characteristics entirely, nor has she added anything of consequence by her own invention. She has given well-known New York family names to some of the personages, and perhaps some observers may discover in several instances likenesses in looks.

It is easy, but hardly fair, to condemn "Merry Gotham" as a play, for it possesses searcely any dramatic form and no dramatic interest. It is as easy and pleasanter to regard it as a lot of distortive, but humorous and very sightly, views of "our best society." Some people will be bored by it and others delighted. Its duration will depend, of course, upon the relative numbers of these amateur judges rather than upon the dictum of the professional critics, for "Merry Gotham" is a curp-us thing, and too ephemeral and fantastical for thoughtful consideration. ful. The rooms shows were suitable in decoration and furniture. They were a

"Katherine Kavanagh." the new play produced by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal at Palmer's last night, there was revealed more skill in construction than tangibility in story. The theme was an uninterruptedly unpleasant one. An English woman who had been driven by an unkind fate into crime, and had in after years sought to explate the ofence, was the central figure. This woman, Katherine Dudleigh, at first, had acted in the pralogue as the decoy for a gambling hell in Brussells; and in that place her adventure was graphically and minutely There was shown to the audience careless Englishman on a debauch. He played cards, his coffee and his wine were drugged, and the Indicigh woman robbed him of jewelry and many thousands in money. Then, sharing the spoils with the female keeper of the house, the wicked English

In a dozen years the drams proper found her the respected and respectable wife of a ever. It is the eve of New Year's, and all is bright and gay around her. Old friends of the family gather to pass the wassall bowl. There is love in the air, too, for the lovely stepdaughter of this reformed woman, now Mrs. Karanagh, has apported stately and wealthy English country gentlea rich young baronet, and happiness is shewering itself upon Selbrigg Hall. It is at this moment the climax comes. The swindled Englishman of the wieked prologue had registered a vow to hunt down his fair betrayer, and at last, by a mere chance, he flads her in the person of Katheron Kacanagh. He is inexorable to all her pleadings. Even her threat of suicide coses not disturbhim, for he will tell her story and brund her name to those who will survive her. Thus far the story has been fairly logical. The end is less plausible, though it is ingeniously wrought and verydramatically contrived. In his youth, at school, this Englishman had maimed for life a boy who was his "ing. The cripple has grown to manhood to fland his best friend in Katherine Karanagh, for whom he cherishes a deep affection. Her plight is revealed to him, and he is enabled to save her by exacting from the remorseless Englishman a sacrilled which the latter had agreed to make on domand. The sacrilles, of course, is the protection of Mrs. Karanagh, and the curtain falls as the New Year chimes ring peace on earth and good will to all.

This highly effective and equally improbable drama, written by Mrs. Oscar Berringer and Clo. Graves of Londan, has the merit of sustained interest and (save when a pause is made for what is called "comedy") direct action. It is a melodrama almost in its theatric situations, and it is not new in expedients, except at its close, when the denouement is quite skilfully brought about through the medium of storytelling by all the parsonages. The prologue is the most unpleasant leature of the piece, its idelity in the language and actions of the women enabyed being almost offensive.

Mrs. Kendal was the impersonator of the successfully wicked and reformed Katherine. The role did not place her at her best. In the latter scenes especially she was artificial and even stagey, but in the prologue her portrayal of the decoy was vivid and finished. On the whole, though the play obviously favors the title character in what is calle a rich young baronet, and happiness is showering itself upon Selbrigg Hall. It is at

A society drama in four acts, by Clyde Fitch. was presented to a metropolitan audience for the first time at the Union Square Theatre last evening, and the enactment of it by the Pitou stock company drew forth what seemed to be in the main genuine applause. This drama, which was first given in a Boston theatre, and later in a Brooklyn house, has been since those representations partially, at least, written over, now scenes added, and effort made were made apparent by the first presentations. It is by far the most pretentious piece of work which this young dramatist has as yet submitted for public approval, and he has good reason to be satisfied with the reception

accorded to it and to him last evening. "A Modern Match," while it portrays scenes and situations which have been worked over and over again by playwrights of the Old World, has so much about it that is distinctively American and contains so many really excellent lines of real originality that it will not, it would seem tail to be accepted as a genuine contribution to American dramatic literature.

A good man is married to a woman who is at heart as worthless as she is beautiful in person. The hashand a firm falls and the wife abandons her home and her child to fly with a rich lover, whom in the end she ruins. The hashand's partner, crazed by his financial ruin, shoots hinself. Between acts third and fourth twelve years clapse, and just as the marriage of the child abaddened by the wicked mother is about to take place in the

last act, and the husband himself is to marry the widow of his partner. The recreant wife wearing the scarlet of the fallen woman bursts into the happy household again.

It was a bold experiment, and for a moment the audience hold their brenth, for it must either make or mar the play. It may be said with justice, however, that this bold stroke of the dramatist achieves a great success. The shameless woman is forced to leave the house she has dishonored, and the wedding guests start for the church, not one of them, excepting the partner's widow, even suspecting that the former wife has returned; but the curtain goes down on the prospect, at least, of another marriage, at a somewhat later day, between the man who has suffered so much and the woman who has sympathized so deeply with him. Such is but the baldest outline of Mr. Fitch's admirable play, which received most artistic treatment at the hands of the Fibu company. It is filled in with capital sketches of a mother-in-law of to-day, of a good-hearted young man of the commercial order, and of several other eccentric characters to round up the work.

Minnio Seligman as Violet Hunt, the wayward wife, was admirable in her tigress-like cruelty and heartlessness, while Nelson Wheateroft as Robert Hunt, the finjured husband, was throughout the play thoroughly manly and sympathetic. His broken-hearted partner, who kills himself rather than face ruin, W.Hi. Thombson, gave a most pathetic picture. It is one of the best pleces of acting in the play, naturally colored and deleady shaded. Ida Vernon, as the mother-in-law, contributed greatly to lighten up the sombre tone of the drama, and praved herself to be well deserving of her reputation as a finished actress. George Leslie, as Paul Manners, the clerk, and Adelaide Stanbope, as the knowing young girl, were both very satisfactory, while little Annette Leland as Little Dorothy fairly took the house by storm by her arch manners and dainty acting, viola Croit as the grown-up daughter both looked and acted her part to the

the Casino.

The "Serpentine Dance," a lively and en-Celestin," at the Casino, heretofore executed by a single nimble-footed dancer, clad in a cloud of white drapery, was made bewildering o the spectators just night by the addition of, to the spectators inst night by the addition of, eleven other dancers, robed in voluminous skirts of contrasted colors.

They came upon the stage after Miss Minnie Renwood had executed the principal figures of the graceful dance, and whirled about in a flood of hight of changing hue, making a tableau that was rendered plauant by the trank revelation of the forms of the twelve young women. They sailed away finally in a blaze of yellow light personating a fluttering group of butterflies. This caucht the fancy of the crowded house and was thrice repeated before the onlookers tired of the old spectacle. A new topical song by Camedian Jeff De Angelis had put the listeners e odd spectacle. A new topical song by median Jeff De Angelis had put the listeners in excellent humor just before the terpsi chorian feature was introduced.

Mme. Patti Too Tired to Go to Philadelphia Mme. Patti was to have sungata philharmonie concert in Philadelphia yesterday after noon. She did not appear. She is at the Windsor Hotel in this city. It was said there last night that she was in excellent health and voice, and did not go to Philadelphia because she felt tired. Last Thursday she sang in she left tired. Last Thursony she sang in Rochester after a wearisome journey from Pittsburgh, and after the concert went on to Albany. She sang there on Friday night, and took a sleeper for New York. All this made her very tired, and though she rested Saturday and Sunday, she did not feel able to go to Philadelphia vesterday morning. She will remain at the Windsor until Friday, when she will go to Boston to fill an engagement on Saturday.

ounced in this city of Otis Shattuck and Minnounced in this city of this shattuck and annie Mahoney Baker. Both are members of the "O'Dowd's Neighbors" company, and are well known in New York theatrical circles. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's mother.

DETROIT, March 14.-The marriage is an

Paderewski's Second Historical Concert. Paderewski gives his second historical consert this afternoon in Sherry's rooms, when

Here He Is, Full of Eloquence, and They

Won't Let Him Talk at All, The proceedings of the Republican organ zation of the billion-dollar Twenty-first distriet at 105 East Fifty-ninth street last night consisted principally of an attempt by Mr. James Owens, the little man whom Mr. Blanchard punched in the whiskers a week ago, to talk against the Blanchard-Brookfield-Clarke combine, which he says is running the organ

to speak, to give a copy of the communication to the reporters.

The meeting adjourned. The communication proved to be an argument in favor of the right of Americans to criticise their rulers.

A crowd got around Mr. Owens, who said he could prove that neither Clarke, Blanchard, nor Brookfield contributed a cent toward the campaign last year. He also said that Robert J. D. Slater, the Secretary last year of the association, had spent \$400 needlessly.

Mr. Slater strede up and, slapping his hands together in front of Mr. Owens's face, said:

"You're a liar, sir, You're a liar by the clock."

Then Mr. Callaghan said to Mr. Owens:

lock." Then Mr. Callaghan said to Mr. Owens: "Ah, shut up and go home; sure you're As Mr. Owens turned to go, Callaghan called after him:
"Come back here, ye ould chump, and get
yer cano. Ye'd lose yer head ane it wasn't
fastened on."

Mme, Roy's Canaries Saved.

A. F. Roy, a Frenchman who has a studio on the top floor of the Studio building, at 95 Fifth avenue, was heating a can of varnish

Fifth avenue, was heating a can of varnish over a small kerosene lamp early yesterday forenoon, when the lamp overturned and ignited the varnish.

The artist and his wife ran down stairs into the street. Mine, Roy was greatly excited. She had left behind two canary birds. "My birds! my rirds!" she cried. She doesn't speak very good English, and Poleeman Logan understood her to say "My boys! my boys! Logan mished up to the fourth story and groped his way through the smoke. He found no boys, but when he saw the bird cases it dawned upon him that Mine. Roy meant her birds. He carried the birds down stairs and received the thanks of the artist's wife.

The fire wrecked the studio, but the flames were confined to the room where they started. Artist Roy said his loss was about \$3,000. Some paintings which he was at work on were destroyed.

Minister Reid to be Dined by the Obio

The regular monthly meeting and dinner of the Ohio Society was held last evening at Marrello's, 4 West Twenty-ninth street, Col.

William I. Strong presiding.

The society having outgrown its present The society having outgrown its present quarters at 236 Fifth avenue and the lease having expired, it was resolved to secure new querters before the next meeting in April.

On the motion of Gen. Wager Swayne the society decided to give a dinner to the Hon. Whitelaw Roid, United States Minister at Paris, on his return from France. Minister Reid sails on the 26th inst. and will reach this city about April 3. The banquet will probably be held at Sherry's on April 7, the date of the settling at Marietta.

Several hundred couples danced at the fortysecond annual reception and ball of Typographical Union No. 6 at the Lexing on Avenue Opera House last night. The affair was a great success, and the funds of the union will be materially increased. Charles M. Carter, E. J. Shaniey, John P. Fogarty, A. E. Owens, and Walter Morris of the Committee of Arrangements were congratulated upon the results of their efforts. Floor Manager Edward C. Heil and his assistants, and P. J. O'Conneil and his licutenants on the Reception Committee, lookod after the happiness of every one. Januing was continued until carly this morning.

Buck Taylor Badly Hurt.

CHEYENNE, March 14.-Word was received here to-day that a four-sided fight occurred

EVENTS BEYOND THE OCEAN

THE HORRORS OF THE RUSSIAN FAM-

INE STILL UNABATED.

Mr, Randegger Divorced From His Faltbless . Wife-Torturing Men to Make them Con-fess they Had Plotted to Kill the Sultan. ZURICH, March 14.-The committee for the relief of suffering in Russia has received a letter from the Countess Tolstoi in acknowledgment of the last contributions sent from She says that her husband has founded 100 new kitchens with the committee's aid, and serves in them two plain hot meals daily.

gether with those fed with bread at home because they are too weak to go out, the Countess says, number more than 5,000 daily. She says that private contributors should send their money to some relief committee if they wish to ascertain the particulars of the use of wish to ascertain the particulars of the use of their money, as she and her family are too busy among the pensants to give even general reports.

The ravages of the famine throughout Russia she describes as unabated in horror. Thousands of peasants in southeastern Russia are making every effort to emigrate to the United States, but many of them are unable to sell their belongings for enough to pay their way. The Germen peasants from the Volga region are moving out in great numbers. In this region 85 per cent, of the cows and oxen and one-third of the horses have died for lack of food.

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Members of the Relief Committee here say that stories of maladministration on the part of the authorities are reported almost daily. In Rowno the Government has an annual income of 100,000 roubles at its disposal yet it has not done a thing for the starving poor in and around the city. There was not a public relief kitchen in the place until the Red Cross Society opened one recently with money sent from Zurich. The peasants in southern Russia who are too poor to move are beseaching the district authorities for seed for the spring planting, but have obtained no response. The authorities say that the peasants would eat the seed as soon as they got it and then would want more for the fields. In Jelatomsk the farm cattle have died out almost completely, so that little can be done to ward raising crops. Reports from Omsk, in Asiatic Russia, say that the whole city has been turned into a hospital for typhus patients and that persons are dying by the score without nurses or physicians.

RANDEGGER GETS A DIVORCE.

His Wife Found Gullty of Misconduct with

London, March 14.-The suit of Alberto Randegger, the composer, for divorce from his wife, in which he accuses Mr. C. Hayden Coffin, the American baritone, as a co-respon-Solicitor-General, opened the case in behalf of but he and his father, who is a dentist, are residents of London. The son is handsome. inclined to be a dandy. has made a good deal of money, and scored a success in "Dorothy." of money, and scored a success in "Dorothy," which had a run of 931 nights. He lives extravagantly, and recently gave an entertainment at which the pages were dressed in canary colored silk. He has been in great demand for "At Homes," and in private cencerts. Randogger is white-haired and older looking than his lifty years would seem to justify. He came to London in 1894, and is widely known as a teacher of singing. In 1888 he was appointed professor of singing at the Royal Academy of Music. As teacher, conductor, and author he is emment, and has composed both masses and ballets. His wife has been an intelligent cooperator in his work up to the time of her acquaintance with Hayden Conin. After his counsel's statement of the case Randegger went on the witness stand. He testified that he was married in 1884. Coffin took singing lessons from him, and became acquaintance continued, although it was not until December, 1890, that the petitioner had absolute evidence of misconduct. His wife in that month confessed to him, weeping as she spoke, that she had transferred her affections to Coffin. They separated, and have not lived together since. Several witnesses testified to Coffin's visits to Mrs. Randegger, and the uny returned a verdict that Coffin and Mrs. Kandegger were guilty, and Justice But pronounced a decree of divorce with costs against Coffin. Signor liandegger withdrew his claim for damages. which had a run of 931 nights. He lives ex-

The Noble Lord Enjoying Life While His LONDON, March 14.-The report of the official eceiver of the estates of the dissolute Marquis of Ailesbury, made to the Court of Bank-ruptcy to-day, shows that the total liabilities of the gay young nobleman are £345,462, of which £244.211 are unsecured. The assets tates and other property, the value of which has not been ascertained. Lord Allesbury was has not been ascertained. Lord Allesbury was not present during the proceedings, which, in fact, are far more interesting to his creditors than to himself. It is understood that he is enjoying himself, in his usual manner somewhere in the Riviera. He is sunplied with money by Sam Lewis, the well-known usurer. It is said that fresh quarrels have arisen bethe Allesbury and the Marchioness, who before he married her, was notorious as Dolly Tester, the music hall performer. It is said that in disagreements between the couple have now reached such a stage that they are not likely to be settled outside of the divorce court. of the £750,000 which Lord Ivengh (formerly Of the £750,000 which Lord Ivengh (formerly Guinness, the brewer) agreed to pay for Savernake Forest, the ancestral home of the Allesburys, £500,000 is to remain on mortgage at 4 per cent.

The rumor is revived that the Marquis intends to take the seat in the House of Lords to which he is entitled. It is said that he will carry out this intention before the close of the present session of Parliament. The Lords live in constant dread lest he carry out a threat made some years ago to drive up to the House in a donkey cart, clad in his favorite costume of a costermonger. Nobody would have the power to prevent his doing so if he chose to.

THE COAL STRIKE IN ENGLAND.

Steamship Lines Are Beginning to Coal at

Foreign Ports.
LONDON, March 14.—One of the largest line of steamships to the United States, which used to coal in England for the outward and homeward voyage, now for the return trips costs in America. Other lines are about to do the same thing. The Belgian boats, which used to coal in London, now get their supply entirely in Belgium. An inevitable effect of this will be to divert a considerable trade away from England and to lead to foreign and colonial coal fields, such as those of South Africa, being more and more developed. eing more and more developed.

Mourning for the Late Grand Duke. DARMSTADT, March 14.-The funeral of the

late Grand Duke of Hesse has been set for Thursday. The city is in mourning, and people may be seen, weeping in the streets. Places of business will remain closed until after the funeral. No sovereign in Europe attracted more loyalty than the deceased Grand Duke, whom rich and noor looked up to as a father. His obsequies will not only be a pageant, but a general outpouring of the people as mourners. Some sensation was caused by a report that the Duke's former wife, Mme. Kolomine, had come to Darmstadt and insisted on seeing her dead husband.

London, March 14.—Queen Victoria has postponed until Saturday poxt her departure for Hyeres, in the south of France. The reason is her grief for the late Grand Duke of Hesse, to whom Queen Victoria was deeply attached, almost as much as one of her own children. ple may be seen, weeping in the streets. Places

A Plot to Kill the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 14 .- It is said that a plot has been discovered to assassinate the Sultan, and that the police have captured two men at Ylldiz Klosk, who were in hiding and armed with a revolver and a dagger. The prisoners are being tortured with the object of inducing them to confess. The pay of the police is largely in arrars, and it is suggested that somebody arranged the discovery of the alleged assassins in order to impress upon the Sulfan the need of keeping the police well paid and efficient.

Still Working Over the Elder.

LONDON, March 14.—The Elder was lifted alightly to-day from her position on the Ather-field rucks. To-morrow the efforts to get her off will be renowed.

Notes of Foreign Happenings. Señor Briburo has been appointed Minister of Finance in Argentina.

Señor Borgogno has been appointed Minister of War, and Señor Riesco Minister of Public Works in Chill. Baron Fjervary de Komlos Keresztes, Minis-er of National Defence in the Hungarian Cab-net, has resigned. The yellow fever is raging more and more at santos and some other ports of Brazil. Vestels are continually arriving with the disease

It does not pay to let a cough continue. Stop yours now with Pico's Cure for Consumption. 20c. All

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RECEPTION TO FRED DOUGLASS.

Chauncey M. Depew and Col. Ingersoll Speak at Cooper Union.

There were a great many colored people last evening in Cooper Union at the reception in honor of Frederick Douglass, but the majority of those present were white. Chauncey M. Depoy and Robert G. Ingersoll made speeches Mr. Douglass himself made an address on Hayti and its relations to the United States. Mr. Depew presided. He said that he had just returned from a Southern trip, which demonstrated to him that the solution of the so-called negro problem is in education.

Mr. Depew said that the greatness of Mr. Douglass as a representative of the colored race should command the respect of the entire country. He suggested to Abraham Lincoln, country. He suggested to Abraham Lincoln, said Mr. Depew, the emancipation proclamation, and he demenstrated that the people of his race, when educated, were qualified to govern themselves. Then Mr. Douglass spoke, "We charge Hayti," he said, "with being mere friendly to other nations than to the United States. One obvious teason is that her customs and bringing up are essentially French. Another reason for our coldness toward that republic is that Haytis black and you and I are white, Hauchter. Whenever the Haytians go to France they are respected and looked upon as equal to anybody. I expect to see the time when the same respect is shown here."

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Mr. Douglass denied the charges that he had opposed the establishment of a United States naval station at Mole St. Meoias. He said that the worst evil in Hayti, and the one which most retarded its progress, was the incessant political wrangling by a lot of conspirators who make politics a business. So great is the insecurity of property that nobody can afford to pay the insurance rates.

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"Havil," he said. "was the first nation to
sound the note of emancipation and to startie
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the Christian world into the sense of Christian manhood."

"He is one of the men." said Col. Ingersoll, pointing to Mr. Isoughass. "who has done as much as any man living to civilize the people of the United States. I am a believer—a believer, not in God but in men. I believe in all the rights of the human heart and human brain. No man is evilized who is not willing to give, and who does not give to every other man the same right that he claims for himself. The same with races. Any race claiming to be superior should show it by acts of justice and kinness. No man is ever superior to the man he has robbed.

I believe that every race may rise in the scale of civilization until it reaches the highest rung of the ladder, and it will reach that point by development of heart and brain. One case may attain, and we have such an instance of the hadders are the sach an instance of

by development of heart and brain. One case alone is sufficient to show what height a race may attain, and we have such an instance of the negro race here to-night.

"You have done as well as any race would have done under the circumstances," Col. Ingersoll continued. "You had not only patience, but the supreme virtue of forgiveness, You would have been justified in using the knife and torch to right your injuries; and yet we do not hear of a single instance where revenge was taken. I do not feel that I occupy a sufficient moral height to advise such people. I feel that you have done infinitely better than I would have done. The South has blossomed under your hands. You have raised everything in that country except hell.

"But there's one thing I want to say, I want the colored people to think for themselves. I do not want you to take, without thinking, even the white map's religion, and Col. Ingersoll discussed the sanction of slavery by God and the Bible.

Mrs. Loftus's Letter-writing Manta.

On opening an inquiry before a Sheriff's inra resterday, instituted to ascertain the mental condition of Mrs. Ada Thorpe Loftus. John K. Creevey, counsel for her daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph V. Martinsen of 58 East Fifty-fourth street, gave an account of her eccentricities. Mr. Creevey said that for several years she has been in the habit of setting husbands and wives by the ears by writing letters to one or the other. She had been committed to an asylum in Paris, but was liberated through strangers who had become interested in her. She wrote to a former Consultat Bristof that the young woman he had intended to marry was not true to him. The Consultshowed the letter to his betrethed, who fell into a brain fever from which she nearly died. People had threatened to have her arrested unless her relatives would stay her hand. Many of her letters, which she was said to have written at the rate of five or six a day, were sent to A. Dakey Hail, with whom she said she had been in love for twenty years. Drs. William F. Dold, Carlos F. M.-Donald, and Matthew D. Field testilied that the woman is insane. The case is still on. several years she has been in the habit of set-

An explosion of gasoline in the machine shop of the Central Stamping Company in North Second and Driggs streets, Williamsburgh, yesterday, set fire to the shop and severely injured the superintendent, M. C. Chambers, and a machinist named Andrews. The works are lighted and heated by gasoline generated in a building specially con structed on the opposite side of the street. An structed on the opposite side of the street. An underground pipe, 24 inches large, supplies the gasoline to the different burners. There was too much pressure on yesterday and Chambers ordered Andrews to loosen the cap of the main supply pipe.

He stood by to see that it worked properly. The cap was moved around too far, and the escaping gasoline took fire from a hand lamp on a bench near by and caused the explosion. The fire was extinguished by the company's men, and the injured men were taken to their homes in carriages. omes in carriages.

Newark Aldermen Excited.

A wild scene was enacted in the Newark Common Council Chamber last evening. The Demograts, with the assistance of Alderman Wangner, a bolting Republican Alderman. had voted to declare the city offices vacant, but owing to the absence of Alderman Lynch. Democrat, appointments to fill the vacancies could not be made and an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

As Alderman Wangner was passing out of the Council ciamber Alderman Arnold, Republican of the Ninth ward, called him a traitorous cuss." Hot words passed between them, Arnold also naid his respects to Joseph Samuels, a friend of Wangner's, by calling him a "dog." Samuels became very angry, and following Arnold into the lobby, caught hold of him by the coat collar and threatened to 'tear the pants off of him if he didn't recall the offensive word. The friends of the two men, with considerable difficulty succeeded in parting them just as two policemen arrived. had voted to declare the city offices vacant, but

Made a Complaint Under Protest.

Mrs. Phorbe M. Wigham of 37 East Fiftleth street appeared in the Yorkville Court yesterday, but refused to make a complaint against her former servant, Elizabeth Cleary, whom she had had arrested charging her with stealing a counterpane, a sheet, two books, and some blacking.

plaint, saving the law and the interests of so plaint, saying the law and the interests of so-electy required it. She refused again. Clerk Rosenthal then said:
"Dr. Parkhurst said yesterday that city offi-cials were slow, and not anxious to put down wrongdoing. We think you ought to sign the compiaint."

Mrs. Wicham then signed her name. She wrote, "I sign this under protest. Phurba M. Wigham." Justice Hogan held the servant in \$300 for trial.

The Burned Elevator Sinks Of the Battery The burning grain elevator that drifted across the North River from the Netherlands-American pier at Hoboken vanished in the channel off the Battery sea wall just before 1 channel oil the Battery sea wall just before 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The elevator was ballasted with 300 tons of pig from. After the lofty wooden shaft had been burned and tons of water had been poured into the hull of the elevator it naturally went down. It was valued at \$20,000. It was to have been used yesterday in taking grain from a barge and loading it into one of the Netherlands-American steamships. The hulk will be raised.

Other Custom House Brokers Suspected. The Customs authorities, continuing the nvestigation of the underweighing frauds yesterday, discovered that William Cutajar was not the only broker who has been handinglove with the assistant weighers and assistant gaugers. All hands at the proper time will go under the harrow.

Prefer the Columbian Express of the Pennsylvania Rail-goad on account of its speed, the equipment, and the assurance of safety afforded by this route—4ds.

Royal Baking Powder

MR. BAYARD ALARMED. He Talks of Tyranny in Silver Legislation

WILMINGTON, Del., March 14.-Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, in an interview which is printed in a local paper this afternoon, thus expresses himself on the silver

"I cannot sufficiently express my amazement and sorrow to see men of the Democratic party new hastening to adopt these dangerous fallacies, and clothing their honfatal garments, and to impede its march to power and usefulness by such balls and chains of suicidal error.
"I don't pretend to read between the lines of

the late votes and action in the House of Representatives—if it means shrewd and cunning

resentatives—if it means shrewd and cunning finesse, the strategy of concealed motive. I can only say it is playing with fire and is treating a question of the gravest public import in an unworthy manner; but if the votes mean what they say on their printed face, then I say the hour has struck for the Democratic masses to arouse themselves and examine their individual consciences and sense of duty to the country, and to realize that sains populi supprema estler is the railying cry of true Democracy everywhere, and not of Democracy and the tending and that end the safety and welfare of the country.

"Where does any man find warrant in the long and honorable record of the Democratic party, or any of its accepted and authorized exponents, for the heresy that values can be created by nets of Congress? Where do they find warrant for the ownership and forced coinage of the precious metals, or either of them, by the Government of the United States? These precious metals are not public property; they belong, the world over, to private owners, by whose labor they were produced out of the earth. Who will deny that the simple creed under the constitution of the Democratic party in relation to money has ever been that it has two essentials, the material and the stamp, the former giving it its value and the latter assurance of the weight and fineness of the metal of which it is composed?

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For there is not one of the acts of tyranni-cal power complained of in the Declaration of Independence that would inflict such wide-spread disaster and permanent loss and suf-fering as that now claimed by the advocates of free coinage of silver at the mints of the United States, without regard to the actual value of the material of which such coins are to be composed."

" TO THE OLD MAIDS."

Invited to Come and be Happy in Belle

I will say, this is the country for you to get free homes; this is a country almost entirely overlooked by the American people. I live thirty miles north of Deadwood, and there is 70 or 100 square miles here without settlers. See the map north of Belle Fourche River. This is a stock country. There are a great many sluggish streams, but the cool nights purity the water. This is an extremely purity the water. This is an extremely healthy country; it is a dry country, it's true, but the rainmakers have already agreed to furnish rain for all practical purposes, or gat no my. The reason I address the old maids is this: The bachelors are already here, and the cowboys. The country has now become civilized to a limited number. Women's wages are almost equal to that of the men; neighbors are few and far between. This country has 1,000 inhabitants, all settled on the south side.

Belly Foundier, Butte County, S. D., March 9, P. S.—If The Sick wishes any further description of this last uninhabited country I will cheerfully give it, as I have been nearly all over it and the Sicux Reservation. S. H.

Labor and Wages, The threatened lockout of the furriers, who have determined to stick by the agreement they claim to have made with the employers for an eight-hour work day, went into effect vesterday. About 700 men were locked out. About 500 members of the Pants Makers' Union went on strike yesterday because the employers would not sign a new agreement which involves a shortening of the labor. In about two hours 100 of the strikers went back, as twenty bosses who employed them signed the agreement. Before night the employers of 200 more signed the agreement, and it is expected that the strike will be ended

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The seventh annual Convention of the National League of Musicians opened yester-day in the Hotel Marlborough. Over seventy delegates, representing lifty-five cities, arrived. The regular order of business will begin today.

The half-yearly Convention of the National Association of Textile Workers was opened yesterday at 52 Union square, delegates attending from over thirty cities.

With a photograph of herself in the "Serpentine Dance" and a batch of affidavite Loie Fuller moved through counsel before Judge Giegerich of the Court of Common Pleas yes-terday to enjoin the Casine from exhibiting similar lithographs of her as an advertisement of "Incle Celestin."

Radolph Aronson in reply alleged that she is not the originator of the "Serpentine Dance," and that he did not contract to advertise her. He had intended to advertise the dance. Only 1,000 lithographs had been ordered without a name on them, and only 250 distributed. Such of these as hed not been reclaimed were kept by people was declined to surrender them. Decision was reserved. Giogorich of the Court of Common Pleas yes-

Suicide of a Big Liquor Dealer.

DENVER, Col., March 14.-The liquor house of Jacob Boehm & Co., one of the largest in the West, is in the hands of the Sheriff. It was West, is in the hands of the Sheriff. It was closed and a deputy placed in charge at 12% o'clock this afternoon.

Two hours later Mr. Boshm, the senior member of the firm, was found dead in a chair in room 319, at the Windsor Hotel. He had rented the room temporarily, and for the sole purpose of committing suicide in it. An empty bottle which had contained a solution of pruscia mid told the story. bottle which had contained a solution of prussic acid told the story.

At present the claims made against the firm reach nearly \$200,000, and it is understood that there are many more to come. The assets will not exceed \$40,000.

No More Free Railroad Passes to Massachusetta Legislators. BOSTON, March 14.-Gov. Russell having re-

that the measure was not in violation of the construction, signed the Anti-free Pass bill this afternoon. His approval of the bill puts a stop to the practice of giving free passes to members of the Legislature. Riverhend 100 Years Old.

ceived an opinion from the Attorney-General

Riverhead, in Suffolk county, celebrated the

centennial of its settlement yesterday. There was a big parade during the day, which ended with an old-fashioned New England dinner in läverhead Hall. Speeches were made by ex-Surrogate James H. Tuthill, the Rev. Wil-lium I. Chalmers, and Prof. J. M. Belford.

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail in Texar-kans. Ark. on sunday, by cutting through the thour, then transcribed through twenty feet of dirt, and maily breaking through attended had. As the diffi-mate was clearing the hole he was discovered and driven back by the jailer. Two of the fugitives are white and two colored.

When Baby was sick, we gave ber Costoria When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Co

SNAP POLITICS IN HARRISBURG.

Rival Candidates for Delegate to the Chi-HARRISBURG, Pa., March 14.-The contest over the choice of a delegate to represent the Democracy of this district in the National Convention is becoming snappy. Mayor Fritchey is accused of withholding the appointment of a Highway Commissioner in or-der to strengthen his candidacy for delegate. and the Select Council adopted a resolution this afternoon requesting him to make the appointment at once. It was offered by President Harry E. Hershey, an enthusiastic supporter of Christian Hanlen, the Mayor's rival

porter of Christian Hanien, the Mayor's rival for delegate honors. Mayor Fritchey's fealty for Cleveland is also questioned, and the Presidential issue is being worked for all it is worth. Postmaster B. F. Meyers, a Hanien supporter and a good fighter, says in his Nar Independent to night: "The contest is very largely drawing into a definitely outlined struggle between the Cleveland men and the supporters of Hill, with Mr. Hanien as the chosen (leveland leader.

The other day it was announced that County Chairman Naudain Hamilton, City Chairman John P. Doboney, Benjamin M. Nead, Essand Major John D. Worman had been appointed a committee to take charge of the arrangements for the Democratic State Convention. Afterward State Chairman Wright came here, and, after consultation with Boss Harrity and Others, O. E. McClollan, John A. Fritchey, and J. K. Royal were added to the committee. This was done to enable Mayor Fritchey or the Quartermaster (McClellan) to be made Chairman of the committee.

DR. SCUDDER'S TROUBLE.

The Physicians Say Mrs. Dunton was Killed by Hlows. CHICAGO, March 14.-Dr. Henry Palmer and Dr. Chittenden of Janesville, Wis., the physicians who performed the post mortem on the rived in the city to-day to give their evidence

In the Scudder case.

Dr. Paimer said he had found thirteen and half inches of fracture on the skull, an

a half inches of fracture on the skull, an injury that would kill an ox. From the position of the wounds flee could have been inflicted in but one way, and that by blows. No trace of polson was found.

The effort of the attorneys for Scudder in Judge Scale's court this morning to have their effect removed from the county mil to the hospital for the insane was unsuccessful.

Dr. Scudder appears to be a very sick man. In the opinion of the jail officials he is not shamming, so far as his physical ailments are concerned. As to his mental condition, they have nothing to say.

Since his confinement in the jail he has left his hed but twice and then for a moment only, the eats but little, taking beef tea on the prescription of Dr. Noble. Last night he slept very little.

The Rev. Charles S. Robinson Resigns, At the monthly meeting of the New York Presbytery yesterday the Rev. Charles S. Robinson tendered his resignation as pastor of the Thirteenth Street Church. Dr. Robinson said that his time was so engaged in per sonal matters that he must ask to be relieved of the charge. His family is now living in

of the charge. His family is now living in Paris, and he expects to jofn them there. The congregation of his church was cited to appear at the next meeting of the Presbytery to be heard on the subject.

There was a long argument upon the report of Dr. George L. Sheaver's committee upon the proposed amendment to the Book of Discipline, by which Presbyteries have the privilege of appointing commissions to consider judicial questions of fact. The report was adopted.

A committee of four ministers and three elders from the Presbytery was appointed to investigate the spiritual needs of New York.

Buried by a Falling Embankment.

An embankment on the Long Island Railroad at Woodhaven Junction caved in yester day morning, burying several workmen. All escaped unburt, however, except an unknown Pole, about 23 years old, who was, dug out dead, and the foreman, Frank Mitchell, who was badly injured.

A. M.—8:30, 95 Fifth avenue, French Art Studio, damage \$1,500; 9 00, 67 Delancey street, Philip Koop, dam-P. M -12 05, 222 East Seventieth street, Mrs. Mary Sheriden, damage \$300; 1:15, 486 Ninth avenue, awn-ing fire, owner, L. P. Rupp, damage triffing; 1:25, 247 ing fire, owner, L. P. Rupp, damage triting: 1-25, 247
Seventh avenne, C. Perves, damage 325, 2:00, 1,592
Madison avenue, Gottlieb Jetter, damage \$25, 3:30,
corner 184th street and Valentine avenue, Bresier
Dunean, damage \$290, 5:00, corner Sixty-eighth street
and Tweifth avenue, Knickerbecker lee to, damage
triffine; 5:30, 365 West Thirty-second street,
Thomas McKeon no damage: 9:30, 5 East
Thirty-eighth street, J. Sergeant Tram, no damage; 6:30, awning fire, 2:300 Third avenue, damage \$5;
0:35, 225 Greenwich street, James T Wright, damage
\$800; 6:45, 2;87, Third avenue, C. A Burgus, damage
\$10; 10:05, 236 West Thirty-minh street, Mary Linzsey, damage \$25.

JOTHNGS ABOUT TOWN.

Congressman Thomas B. Reed of Maine is at the Judge Dugro has granted an absolute divorce to Lillie Bloom from Henry Bloom.

ourst.

The Aldermen's resolution allowing the Irish flag to
be displayed on the City Hallon St. Patrick's Day has
been signed by the Mayor.

Police Inspector Benry V. Steers left on Saturday for
St. Augustine, Fla. He will be kone a week Mrs.
Steers went bouth several weeks and for her boulf.

Judge Van Brunt informed the District Afterney yea-terday that he will hand down his decision as to the mental condition of Edward M Field in the course of this week. this week.

Henry W. MacLeilan of 208 Fith avenue, who was accused of forgery by his employer. William observe of 550 Feart street, was discharged yesterday by natice McNahon at the Tombs Court.

Judge Lacombe of the United States Circuit Court made permanent yesterday the temperary infunction obtained by Amberg's Theatre restraining via in distance, from playing at any other theatre in New York prior to May 15.

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Watchman Vanvarick, who was found meanscious
last Saturday in the Dutch Reformed charge at Seventy-seventh street and West End avenue, died gesterday
in the Rosewoit Hospital. The surgeous mans his
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John Hongler, 28 years old, a clerk, who had been
in this contary out two months and livel at 136 South
Mith avenue, died of an overdose of option at 88 Vincent's Hospita has evening. Hougher had sufferfrom the matten, and yesterday his physician preserited a mentione which is largely composed of option
lie took an overdose.

The following clergymen assisted Dr. E. Winnhester Denald, who offended at the funeral of Bishop Gregory Fursion Bedell of this. But op Scarberough of southern State of Person Bedell of this. But op Scarberough of southern Now Jersey, Rishop Whitehead of Puttebur t, Bishop Walker of North Dakola, the Rev. C. B. Smith, the Rev. K. War, the Warren, the Rev. J. Wesier Brown, and the Rey. My join Budson Gates.

Another quarter of a million pounds of flour was stored away yesterday in the hold of the steam-him Missouri, whose cargo is to relieve the starving himsland. It was furnished by the civile Perrin A. Co. Capt. Findley expects to sail for lay, but it is probation that the \$5,000 additional subscribed by the Chamber of Commerce will be turned into flour and put aboard the Missouri.

the Missouri.

Andrew O, and Michael Toomey and John F, Pepper recovered six cents damages against the D. L. and W. Reifroad Company letter duties Freedman in the superior Court yesterday. They bought excursion trokers to Brick Church. The conductor took the wrong halves of the tickets. On their return to the city they presented the other natives and were arrested at Hotoken, but were tumedately discharged. Dut were immediately discharged. The Nova Scotian back Tamare Marshall, lying at anchor off Bedlow's Island, signaled for police assistance yesterday afternoon. The police host Patrol stramed out to her and found the trouble to be a right between two drunken saliors. Edward Layman had stabbed Join Clark in the head and body wounding him seriously. Layman was affected and taken to the thurch street station. Clark was sent to the Chamters Street Hospital.

FLINT'S FINE FURNITURE.

WE ARE TEMPTED to think there must be some mistake in our calcula

Hous of cost of manufacture when we look at the very HANDSOME. OR GINAL, and SERVICEARLE FIRST TURE our factories are turning out this spring, and see how GREATLY BELOW FORMER PRICES the increase When you have looked our samples we feel con-fident your views will a sith our host of friends that WE DISTANCE ALL TRADE INGIVING MUCH

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A SPRING QUESTION.

What Shall I Take to Get Well?

"I was an invalid and was terribly sick with nervous prostration. I had the Grip, and it left my nerves weak, my body run down and my kidneys and liver in bad condition. I was so weak and tired and so fearfully nervous and depressed in mind that I felt miserable all the time. But no one need be sick with their nerves long now days. I used the great remedy, which everybody is taking. Dr. Greeno's Nervura, and it braced up my nerves, invigerated my blood, cured my kilney and liver trouble and made me myself again right away." and depressed in mind that I felt miserable all



Editorial note—This really wonderful medicine, which is acknowledged by doctors and druggists as the greatest of all remedies, has done more good in strengthening the nerves, curing kidney and liver complaints and restoring health to the weak, nervous, and sick than any other remedy ever discovered. It is especially valuable in restoring strength and vigor to those whem the Grip left with weak nerves and run-down systems. It is very popular, its use seeming almost limitless, and every drug store reports enormous demands. It is a grand remedy to use as a spring medicine because of its absolutely certain beneficial results, and also because it is perfectly harmless, being made of pure and health-giving vegetable remedies. It is the best spring medicine you can possibly take.

"I was sick with Nervous Prostration, and for three months I was on my bed. No one knows what I suffered. Many times I thought I was dying. I saw Dr. Greene is Nervura advertised in the papers, and sent ab ottle, commenced to improve, and when that hottle was gene I was able to ride eight miles. I have had no more of that nervous sickness. I have taken a great deal of medicine, but I never had any that did me the good that the, fivener's Acrowra has.

"Mrs. LYDIA A. CORNER, Ridgefield, Conn."

**9-Dr. Greene, the successful specialist in curing all forms of nervous and chronic diseases, six west 14th st., New York, can be consulted free, personally or by letter. Call or write him about your case, or send for symptom blank to illi out, and a letter fully explaining your disease, giving advice, &c., will be returned free.

CURIOUS FEATURES OF ACTUAL LIFE



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Liberty. March 7.—A report of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History of its investigation of the specimens of worms which recently fell in a shower near Clifton. Ind., was received Saturday night. The report says:

"The specimen was submitted to Mr. Charles Deery, the most competent entomologist we have among us, and he has just returned it. He says he thinks it is the larywe of some kind of a beetic, but as the worm is a stranger he is unable to fully determine its origin."

The worm is about an inch in length and covered with short, brown hair, and has eyes similar to a fly when examined with a glass. Thousands of them fell on the frozen crust of snow, and when picked up came to life. A Scalinel reporter visited the vicinity recently, and interviewed several responsible parties, who reported they saw the worms, and all described the particulars the same. From the Indianapolis Sentinel.

Salite Yally's Valuable Find.

From the Atlanta Constitution, CARROLLTON, Ga., March C.—A lady of Haralson county has a fortune in a diamond, so it is said. Some years ago Mrs. Sailie Yally found a beautiful little stone in Buncombe district, and at her death gave it to Mrs. Joseph C. Benson of near Waco. The stone has been examined of late by a mineralogist and he says the stone is worth \$50,000.

From the Indianapolis Journal, Washington, March 6.—A letter addressed to Secretary Foster, and dated at Garret, Ind., has just been r-ceived, in which the writer states that "there is a man in this part of the country, who is manufacturing counterfeit money;" that "he has a machine to print bills, from ones up to twenties, and they look perfect." The writer goes on to say that he will locate the man if it is to his interest.

From the Philadelphia Record

The principal of one of the largest of the grammar schools in the northwestern section of the city says that when he was a young man he taught school in a small town in Bucks county. On one occasion a large number of the relatives and triends of the children had gathered at the little schoolhouse to listen to the young honefuls try to pass certain verbal examinations and all went swimmingly and examinations and all went swimmingly and examinations and all went swimmingly and englected great credit on the teacher until the small boys class in arithmetic was called.

"Now boys," said the teacher. "I have a few questions in fractions. Suppose I had a piece of beelsteak and cut it. In two pieces, what would those pieces be called?"

"Halves," shouted the class.
"Correct, and if I cut each in two pieces?"
"Quarters."
"That's right, and if the quarters are each cut in half?"
"Eighths."
"Quite so, and if those were chopped in two?"
"Sixteenths."
"Very good, and when the sixteenths were cut what were those pieces called?"
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"Very good, and when the sixteenths were cut what were those pieces called?"

Here there was some hesitation, but in a moment two boys said, "thirty-seconds."

"Just right," said the teacher; "and now we will chop those in half. What have we now?"

Silence followed this question, while the boys shifted unensily and the audience held its breath.

"Do none of you know?" asked the teacher, "Come. I'm sure that some one can tell me."

There was a moment's pause and then a hand was raised and the smallest boy in the class piped out;



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